

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 1999-304-C - ORDER NO. 2002-587 ✓
AUGUST 16, 2002

IN RE: Application of CAT Communications)	ORDER GRANTING
International, Inc. for a Certificate of Public)	REQUEST TO CANCEL
Convenience and Necessity to Provide Resold)	BOND REQUIREMENT
Local Exchange and Long Distance)	
Interexchange Telecommunications Services)	
within the State of South Carolina)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the request of Cat Communications International, Inc. (“CAT” or the “Company”) for approval to cancel its bond as required by the Commission for utilization of prepaid debit cards services. CAT was granted authority to provide local exchange and interexchange telecommunications services within the State of South Carolina by Commission Order No. 1999-748 issued October 25, 1999. As an interexchange service provider, CAT was granted authority by Order No. 1999-748 to also offer prepaid interexchange telecommunications services.

As a condition of offering prepaid interexchange telecommunications services, the Commission requires the Company to post with the Commission a bond in the form of a Certificate of Deposit worth \$5,000 drawn in the name of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina or a surety bond in the amount of \$5,000 which is payable to the Commission. The Certificate of Deposit shall be drawn on federal or state chartered banks or savings and loan associations which maintain an office in this state and whose

accounts are insured by either the FDIC or the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation. A surety bond shall be issued by a duly licensed bonding or insurance company authorized to do business in South Carolina.

By letter dated July 31, 2002, CAT, through its regulatory assistant, advised the Commission that the Company would like to request that it no longer be required to have a bond with the State of South Carolina. As reasoning for its request, CAT states that the Company has only provided basic local residential service in South Carolina and does not offer long distance by way of a prepaid debit card. CAT adds that it has never nor does it intend to offer long distance service through utilization of debit cards.

As CAT, by its own acknowledgement, does not nor has it ever offered long distance telephone service utilizing debit cards, the Commission finds and concludes that CAT's request to cancel the Company's bond should be granted.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. CAT Communications International, Inc.'s bond requirement for utilization of prepaid interexchange telecommunications services be cancelled.
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Executive Director
(SEAL)